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3                   SOUTHERN DIVISION  
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1 Q. What did you do when you got there?

2 A. I rang the bell and went inside.

3 Q. Rang the bell at which -

4 A. The doorbell at big Aladdin.

5 Q. What were you wearing?

6 A. I mean, jeans and a T-shirt a --

7 Q. You mentioned a ski mask earlier?

8 A. A Balaclava, yes. Not at that time. After  
9 it was secured, yes. It might have been a different  
10 outcome if I walked in with -- it would have made for a  
11 better deposition.

12 Q. Did you have any weapons with you when you  
13 arrived?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What sort of weapons did you have?

16 A. My county-issued pistol which was hidden on  
17 me.

18 Q. All right. So you rang the doorbell at the  
19 big Aladdin and then what happened next?

20 A. They let me in and I went on inside.

21 Q. What happened after you went in?

22 A. I went over by the counter by the end. The  
23 concern was some of these -- I don't know about here,  
24 but some of these type of sweepstakes places have what  
25 they call a kill switch which is where you can hit a

1 button and it will cut off the service to the Internet.  
2 Basically you lose any type of data that you might be  
3 able to get from the servers. So the concern was if  
4 there was one. So I was there to make sure that the  
5 clerk didn't dive for some kill switch that may or may  
6 not exist.

7                   So I went in stood at the end of the  
8 counter near the opening which for a brief second was  
9 kind of odd because it's not the normal place you would  
10 stand. So it was like a weird moment where they're  
11 looking at me. And then the deputies came in and of  
12 course I there to make sure nothing happened. It  
13 happened before in other places so it was just a  
14 concern.

15           Q.    How did the other sheriff deputies get into  
16 the big Aladdin store?

17           A.    Pushed the button and came in.

18           Q.    So they were let in voluntarily?

19           A.    Yes.

20           Q.    All right. So at some point you put on a  
21 mask?

22           A.    Yes.

23           Q.    When did you put it on?

24           A.    It was either right then or maybe after we  
25 let the patrons out. There were a couple of people in

1 there.

2 Q. Why did you put a mask on?

3 A. Just to protect my identity. I have to do  
4 further investigations.

5 Q. Protect your identity from who at that  
6 point?

7 A. Well, at that point it would have been from  
8 other patrons in case they go to another game -- or  
9 sweepstakes or POG-type place I can go in and play and  
10 they wouldn't know it was me. The clerk is going to  
11 show looking at me and then I put a mask on so it's  
12 kind of -- or like when I kept going outside so that --  
13 as people were across the street watching what's going  
14 on that they don't know who I am.

15 Q. So did you keep your mask on for the  
16 remainder of the time?

17 A. When I was outside. If I was inside I took  
18 it off because there was no one left.

19 Q. When the sheriff deputies came into the big  
20 Aladdin store what were they wearing?

21 A. Just regular marked uniforms.

22 Q. Did they have weapons with them?

23 A. I would hope so. They weren't drawn, if  
24 that's what you're asking.

25 Q. Well, I was going to ask that. At any